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PARIS AND NEW DELHI - FOR DEA

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SUBJECT: DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL NO.  
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1. EMBASSY HAS NOW ASSEMBLED NOMINATING INFORMATION AS  
PER PARA 5 REF C ON FOUR NEPALESE CANDIDATES (REF B) FOR  
SUBJECT COURSE. DATA, PRECEDED BY GENERAL OBSERVATIONS  
OF EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE, IS HEREBY  
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INTERNATIONAL TRAINING  
SELECTION COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS: THE NATURE OF OUR TRAINING OFFER  
TO THE NEPAL POLICE FORCE (NPF)--SPECIFICALLY ITS LIMITED  
OBJECTIVES--MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. THE FOUR TRAINING  
SPACES BEING OFFERED ARE IN EFFECT THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS  
WHAT WE HOPE WILL SOME DAY BE AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS  
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN NEPAL. NEPAL'S NARCOTICS LAW IS  
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LESS THAN TWO YEARS OLD. AND TO DATE THE IMPLEMENTATION  
EFFORTS HAVE BEEN LIMITED--WE HEAR APPARENTLY RELIABLE  
REPORTS OF CURTAILMENT OF HASHISH COLLECTION IN RURAL  
AREAS (AND CONSEQUENT ECONOMIC HARDSHIP), BUT TO DATE

THE NPF HAS NO ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO ENFORCE THE  
LAW. THE ONLY NARCOTICS TRAINING IS A FEW HOURS OF IN-

STRUCTIONS OFFERED AS PART OF THE SIX MONTH POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE. MOREOVER THERE ARE REAL CONSTRAINTS AND PRESSURES--PERSONNEL, FINANCIAL, POLITICAL--WHICH RAISE LEGITIMATE DOUBTS AS TO HOW FAST THIS SITUATION WILL CHANGE. BUT A START MUST BE MADE SOMEWHERE. NEED FOR TRAINING IS LEGITIMATE--AND HAVING PROVIDED THIS HELP WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ASK HOW IT IS BEING USED, AND WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN ACTUALLY TO BEGIN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. WE DO NOT WISH TO EXAGGERATE THE PROSPECTS OF NEAR TERM SUCCESS. AN ADDED ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY IS THE ANTICIPATED CHANGE IN NPF LEADERSHIP THIS SUMMER WHEN IGP BARAL FINISHES HIS TERM OF OFFICE. BUT TO DELAY OUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE UNTIL CONDITIONS ARE PERFECT IS TANTAMOUNT TO ABANDONING ISSUE ALTOGETHER, A COURSE OF ACTION WHICH WE ASSUME ALL REJECT. IN SHORT, TRAINING OFFER IS, AS STATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, LOGICAL NEXT STEP TO BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

3. IT FOLLOWS FROM ABOVE THAT IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR NPF NOMINEES TO SATISFY STRICT APPLICATION OF PRE-REQUISITES AND CRITERIA SET FORTH REF C FOR SUBJECT COURSE. WE BELIEVE ITS CANDIDATES MUST BE LOOKED AT IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LIGHT, AND WE HAVE PRESENTED SUCH ARGUMENTS BELOW ON EACH OF NPF NOMINEES. WE ARE NOT ARGUING THAT NEPALESE BE EXEMPTED FROM ANY AND ALL CRITERIA. AS WILL BE NOTED BELOW WE BELIEVE ONE OF FOUR NPF CANDIDATES, INSPECTOR SHYAM BHAKTA THAPA, IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARGINAL CHOICE WHO SHOULD BE DROPPED IF THERE ARE OFFICER CANDIDATES BETTER QUALIFIED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. IN SHORT, WE BELIEVE QUALIFICATIONS OF NEPALESE CANDIDATES, AS THOSE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, DESERVE CAREFUL SCRUTINY, BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF NEPALESE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT SCENE.

4. DETAILED NOMINATING INFORMATION ON EACH CANDIDATE FOLLOWS. RESPONSES CORRESPOND WITH LETTERED SUB-HEADINGS PARA 5 REF C, WITH MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NCC) COMMENTS AS LAST ITEM.

(A) DIGAM BAHADUR BASNET

--DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

--1JANUARY 1942, LUMBINI ZONE, NEPAL, CITIZEN OF NEPAL

--NEPAL POLICE FORCE

--BASNET IS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICT POLICE OFFICE IN

BHAKTAPUR, ONE OF THE THREE CITIES IN KATHMANDU VALLEY.

HE HAS BEEN IN THIS POSITION FOR 1 1/2 YEARS AND WILL RETURN

TO IT UPON COMPLETION OF DEA COURSE. HE WILL, HOWEVER,

ALSO UNDERTAKE OCCASIONAL LECTURING ASSIGNMENTS AT POLICE

OFFICERS TRAINING CENTER LOCATED IN KATHMANDU.

--BASNET HAS COMPLETED POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE  
AT CENTRAL POLICE TRAINING CENTER IN KATHMANDU.  
--BASNET'S INVOLVEMENT WITH NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN  
IN COURSE OF NORMAL CID TYPE POLICE DUTIES. SINCE FOR  
MOST OF HIS CAREER THERE WAS NO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ACT,  
PERCENTAGE OF HIS TIME DEVOTED TO NARCOTICS ISSUES HAS BEEN  
LIMITED.  
--BASNET HAS NEVER WORKED IN TRAINING FUNCTION.  
--BASNET HAS BEEN POLICE OFFICER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.  
--BASNET HAS 14 YEARS OF FORMAL EDUCATION--I.E. JUNIOR COLLEGE  
LEVEL.

NOTE: ALL FOUR CANDIDATES WERE PICKED IN PART FOR THEIR UNI-  
VERSITY LEVEL EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, APPARENTLY REFLECTING NP  
VIEW THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION FOR POTENTIAL  
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INSTRUCTORS.

--BASNET'S ENGLISH IS GOOD.  
--NCC COMMENT: FACT THAT BASNET HOLDS KEY POSITION AS OIC  
OF POLICE IN ONE OF "THREE TOWNS" OF KATHMANDU VALLEY,

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UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS HIGHLY ON HIS GENERAL REPUTATION

AS POLICE OFFICER. AS SENIOR CANDIDATE OF THE FOUR, HE IS PRESUMABLY BEING GROOMED FOR SUPERVISORY ROLE IN TRAINING PROCESS AS NARCOTICS PROGRAM EXPANDS. WHILE HIS IMMEDIATE INVOLVEMENT WILL BE LIMITED, PROXIMITY OF BHAKTAPUR TO MAIN TRAINING CENTER WILL PERMIT HIM, AS NOTED ABOVE, TO PERFORM TRAINING FUNCTION ON PART-TIME BASIS. NCC STRONGLY ENDORSES BASNET'S NOMINATION.

(B) BABUJAN PRADHAN

--INSPECTOR

--9 MAY 1947, LUMBINI ZONE, NEPAL; CITIZEN OF NEPAL

--NEPAL POLICE FORCE

--FOR LAST TWO YEARS PRADHAN HAS BEEN STAFF OFFICER ASSIGNED TO RESEARCH, PLANNING AND TRAINING SECTION, POLICE HEADQUARTERS. IN THIS POSITION HE PLANS TRAINING COURSES FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND LOWER RANKS AND OCCASIONALLY SERVES AS INSTRUCTOR AT TRAINING CENTER IN KATHMANDU. HE WILL RETURN TO SAME POSITION ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING.

--PRADHAN HAS COMPLETED POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE AT POLICE TRAINING CENTER IN KATHMANDU.

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--PRADHAN'S PRIOR SERVICE WAS IN CID, GIVING HIM AT LEAST SOME EXPOSURE TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.

--FORTY PERCENT OF HIS CAREER HAS BEEN IN TRAINING RELATED FUNCTION.

--FIVE YEARS AS POLICE OFFICER.

--FIFTEEN YEARS OF FORMAL EDUCATION--I.E. AGAIN SEVERAL YEARS OF UNIVERSITY TRAINING.

--ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.

--NCC COMMENT: PRADHAN MOST NEARLY MEETS PREREQUISITES AS ESTABLISHED. ONLY WEAK POINT IF LIMITED ATTENTION CURRENTLY GIVEN TO NARCOTICS IN OVERALL POLICE TRAINING. BUT AS INVESTMENT IN FUTURE GROWTH OF SUCH PROGRAM IN NEPAL, PRADHAN IS CLEARLY SUPERIOR CANDIDATE AND IS SO ENDORSED BY NCC.

(C) MOHAN BAHADUR PANDEY

--INSPECTOR

--29 JUNE 1945, KATHMANDU, CITIZEN OF NEPAL

--NEPAL POLICE FORCE

--FOR LAST FIVE YEARS PANDEY HAS BEEN WORKING IN INTERPOL SECTION OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND HAS SERVED AS ACTING HEAD OF SECTION FOR LAST YEAR. HE IS DUE FOR REASSIGNMENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT--I.E. GENERAL POLICE WORK AT DISTRICT LEVEL--ON HIS RETURN FROM DEA COURSE, WITH LOCATION YET TO BE DETERMINED.

--COMPLETED POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE AT POLICE TRAINING CENTER IN KATHMANDU.

--INTERPOL SECTION IS EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS MATTERS WHICH OBVIOUSLY RATE HIGH IN TERMS OF NPF DEALINGS WITH POLICE ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD. PANDEY'S PREVIOUS

EXPERIENCE WAS IN GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE WORK WHICH ALSO  
GAVE HIM OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH NARCOTICS ISSUES.

--NO PREVIOUS TRAINING ASSIGNMENT.

--EIGHT YEARS AS POLICE OFFICER.

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--SIXTEEN YEARS OF FORMAL EDUCATION--I.E. COLLEGE DEGREE.

--ENGLISH IS SUPERIOR, VIRTUALLY FLAWLESS.

--NCC COMMENT: UNCERTAINTY AS TO PANDEY'S

FUTURE ASSIGNMENT IS NEGATIVE FEATURE. BUT EVEN IF HE IS  
ASSIGNED OUTSIDE KATHMANDU VALLEY HE CAN STILL BE USED AS  
PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR IN ONE OF SEVERAL BASIC LEVEL POLICE  
SCHOOLS LOCATED IN OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY. MOREOVER, IT  
IS IN THESE RURAL AREAS WHERE NARCOTICS PRODUCTION TAKES PLACE,  
GIVING ADDED RELEVANCE TO INSTRUCTION PANDEY WILL BE ABLE  
TO PROVIDE. PERHAPS TO GREATER DEGREE THAN IN CASE OF  
BASNET AND PRADHAN, TRAINING FOR PANDEY IS INVESTMENT IN  
FUTURE, AND GIVEN HIS ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE  
TO DATE, NCC BELIEVES IT IS INVESTMENT WELL WORTH MAKING.

(D) SHYAM BHAKTA THAPA

--INSPECTOR

--7 JUNE 1951

--SINCE COMPLETING TRAINING THAPA HAS SERVED AS STAFF  
OFFICER IN CRIME STATISTICS SECTION OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS.  
HE WILL RETURN TO THIS OR OTHER HEADQUARTERS POSITION ON  
COMPLETION OF COURSE.

--THAPA HAS COMPLETED POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE AT  
POLICE TRAINING CENTER, KATHMANDU.

--ONLY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TO EXTENT STATISTICS COVER THIS  
SUBJECT.

--NO TRAINING FUNCTIONS.

--THREE YEARS AS POLICE OFFICER.

--16 YEARS OF FORMAL EDUCATION--I.E. COLLEGE DEGREE

--ENGLISH IS FAIR. THAPA WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS IN TAKING  
EXAMINATION WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR POORER SCORE.

--NCC COMMENT: AS NOTED ABOVE, NCC BELIEVES THAPA TO BE MAR-  
GINAL CANDIDATE. IN THAT ENTIRE NEPALESE PROGRAM IS ORIENTED TO-  
WARDS FUTURE, HE DESERVES CONSIDERATION AS BRIGHT YOUNG OFFICER  
WITH CAREER AHEAD OF HIM. BUT HIS YOUTH, LIMITED EXPERIENCE,  
POSSIBLY WEAK ENGLISH, AND CURRENT JOB ASSIGNMENT, ALL IN-  
DICATE TO NCC THAT THERE MAY BE MORE DESERVING CANDIDATES  
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

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5. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SELECTION COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED

TO REVIEW ABOVE NOMINATIONS AND PROVIDE POST WITH ITS ASSESSMENT.  
IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY.  
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